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Language Resources and Handwriting Helps

FamilySearch can help you understand those hard-to-read records.

Whether you are struggling to read old handwriting or working in an unfamiliar language, we have resources to help you! Using the tips and tricks shown below, you'll be a pro in no time.

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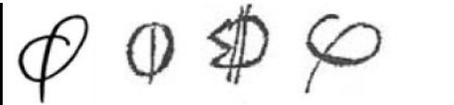
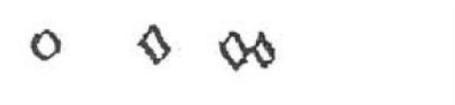
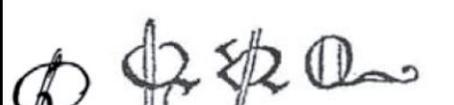
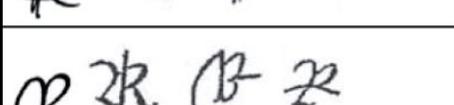
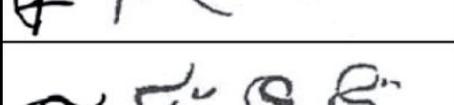
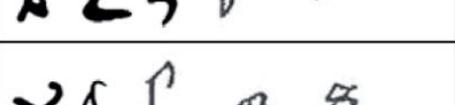
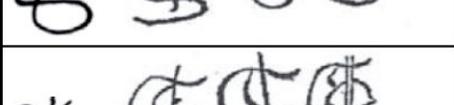
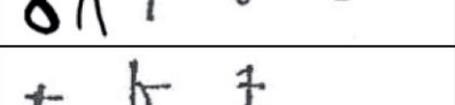
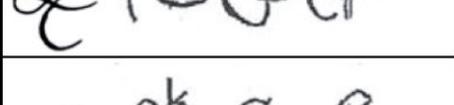
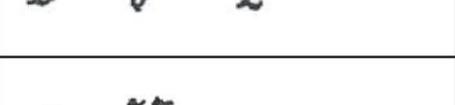
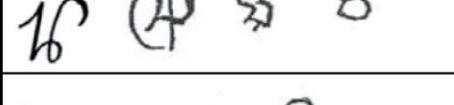
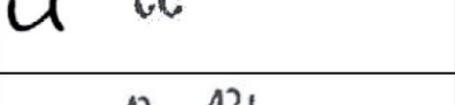
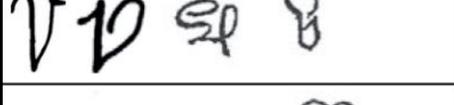
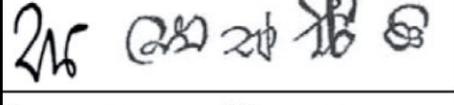
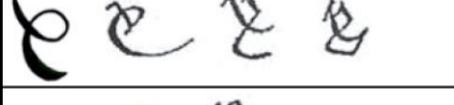
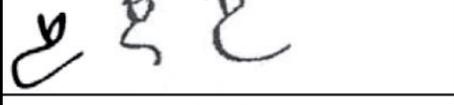
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[Palaeography 1500-1800 \(UK National Archives\)](#)

Alphabet (Secretary Hand)



Letter	Letter Form Variations	Letter	Letter Form Variations
A		a	
B		b	
C		c	
D		d	
E		e	
F		f	
G		g	
H		h	
I		i	
J		j	
K		k	
L		l	
M		m	
N		n	

O		o	
P		p	
Q		q	
R		r	
S		s	
T		t	
U		u	
V		v	
W		w	
X		x	
Y		y	
Z		z	

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